

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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ORELMA MATTHEW,

Plaintiff,

-v-

TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS *et*  
*al.*,

Defendants.  
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21 Civ. 5337 (JPC)

ORDER

JOHN P. CRONAN, United States District Judge:

The Complaint in this action was filed on June 16, 2021. Dkt. 1. Defendants have not appeared in this action, and the docket does not reflect whether Defendants have been served. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(m), “[i]f a defendant is not served within 90 days after the complaint is filed, the court—on motion or on its own after notice to the plaintiff—must dismiss the action without prejudice against that defendant or order that service be made within a specified time.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m).

Plaintiff is ordered to file a status letter by September 27, 2021, describing (1) whether service of the summons and Complaint has been made on Defendants and (2) if service has not been effected on Defendants, whether Plaintiff requests an extension of time to serve Defendants. If Plaintiff requests an extension of time to effect service, she shall include in her letter an explanation of why there is good cause to excuse her failure to serve Defendants within the 90-day deadline set by Rule 4(m). *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m) (“[I]f the plaintiff shows good cause for the failure, the court must extend the time for service for an appropriate period.”). If service of the

summons and Complaint has been made on Defendants, Plaintiff must file proof of service on the docket no later than September 27, 2021.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 21, 2021  
New York, New York

  
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JOHN P. CRONAN  
United States District Judge